

Bush is not agent in memo, CIA says

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George Bush, identified in a 1963 J. Edgar Hoover memo as a CIA operative in the 1960s, is not the same George Bush who became the agency's director in the 1970s and is now running for president.

Sharon Basso, a spokeswoman for the CIA, confirmed that a man named George William Bush, not the vice president, worked for the

agency during the early 60s.

The July 16 issue of The Nation magazine, citing the Hoover memo's reference to "Mr. George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency," quoted an unnamed source as confirming that the vice president worked for the CIA in 1960 or 1961 and speculated that Bush may have used his oil business as a cover for clandestine activities. The vice president's office denied the allegations.

The Hoover memo said that "Mr. Bush" and Capt. William Edwards of the Defense Intelligence Agency were briefed about a possible anti-Castro raid in Cuba after President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Basso said that the CIA does not usually confirm or deny employment with the agency, but that officials believed this case "should be clarified."